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FINANCE (P ASION) (195 48) Department.

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G.O. No. 746

Dated 30-7-1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras House Allowance - Form of Application - Amendment issued.

From the Accountant-General, Madras, No.T.7-Medl.PA-57
dated 3rd June, 1948.

Sub: - Allowance - Madras House Allowance - Sub-Assistant to Chemical Examiner - continuance of.

The check whether the condition in Note 1 to rule 13 (b) in para I of the Manual of Special Pay and Allowances, Vol.I is satisfied in volumes a comparison of the duties of a post in the City with those of another on a corresponding scale in the mufassal. Audit is not aware of the exact nature of the duties attached to various posts under Government. and cannot therefore apply any check in this respect. The sanction of the allowance to the Sub-Assistant under the Chemical Examiner by the Surgeon General was therefore admitted in audit on the presumption that the Surgeon-General who issued the sanction had satisfied himself on this point. The letter dated 20-1-1948 of the Surgeon-General forwarded for remarks with Government Memo. second cited above, however, shows that he did not take action to satisfy the requirements of the rule.

In this connection the following amendments to the form of application for the grant of the allowance are suggested for consideration so that such an irregularity in the sanction may not recur in future:--

(1) Provision may be made for furnishing details about a corresponding scale in the mufassal and duties of the post to which the scale is attached.

(2) the certificate by the head of the department at the end of the form may be amended to also include that he has satisfied himself that the note 1 to rule 13 (b) in part I of the Manual of Special pay and Allowances, Vol. I has been fulfilled.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ABSTRACT.

MADRAS HOUSE ALLOWANCE - Form of application - Amendment issued.

FINANCE (PENSION).DEPT.

G.O.MS.NO.746. DATED 30/7/1948.

Read:-

G.O.67 Finance dated 14-3-1942.
G.O.546 Finance dated 13-10-1944.
From the A.G.Madras, No.T7-Medl.PA/57 dated 3-6-1948.

ORDER:

Under G.O.67 Finance dated 14-3-42, Madras House Allowance is not admissible merely on the ground that the pay sanctioned to a particular post in the City corresponds to the pay of some other post in the mufassal. The duties of the post must be comparable. It has been brought to the notice of the Government that the audit office is not always aware of the exact nature of the duties attached to various posts under Government and cannot therefore apply adequate check in this respect. To ensure against the irregular grant of Madras House Allowance the Government direct that the following amendments be made to the Form of Application for the grant of Madras House Allowance in Appendix I to G.O.No.67 Finance, dated the 14th March 1942, as revised by G.O.No.546 Finance (Pension) dated the 13th October, 1944:-

AMENDMENTS.

In the said Form--

(1) after item 3 the following item shall be added namely:-

"3.A. Details about corresponding mufassal posts on the same scale of pay and whether the duties of the post in the City are similar to those of the mufassal posts";

(2) for the certificate by the head of the department or other competent authority the following certificate shall be substituted namely:-

"Certificate by the head of the department or other competent authority.

I have satisfied myself of the correctness of the facts given in the application and that the conditions of Note 1 to rule 13 (2) in Part I of the Manual of Special Pay and Allowances, Volume I, are, fulfilled.

Signature and date".

P.C.17-7-48.

To
The Accountant-General, Madras.
The Heads of Departments.
The Departments of Secretariat.
The Finance (CSR) for amending Manual of Special Pay and Allowances.
The Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission.
The Special Officer for the Departmental Enquiries.

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Madras Record Office

Education and Public Health.

Please see this department's previous note on pp 1-2 ante and the remarks of the Surgeon General and the Accountant-General on page 23-24 cf. and 35-36 cf.

The Surgeon-Geneal's reasons for sanctioning the Madras House Allowance to the incumbent from 1-1-42 by which date the Madras House Allowance should have been discontinued according to G.O.67 Finance dated 14-3-1942 are:-

(1) there was no variation in the scale of pay attached to the post.

(2) the allowance had been attached to the post from the year 1936, and

(3) the Accountant-General to whom according to the instructions contained in para 2 of G.O.67 Finance dated 14-3-42, the applications in original and the rent receipts were forwarded did not raise any objection to the continuance of the allowance.

The Accountant-General in his letter on page 35-36 c.f. has stated that audit is not aware of the exact nature of the duties attached to various posts under Government and cannot therefore apply any check in this respect and that the sanction of the allowance to the Sub-Assistant was admitted in audit on the presumption that the Surgeon-General who gave the sanction had satisfied himself on this point. To avoid such irregularities in future, the Accountant General suggests amendments to the form of application for the grant of allowance as in para 2 of letter on page 35-36 cf. These suggestions being of a general nature, are for Finance to consider.

Finance may see the case and offer remarks.

T.G. 14-6-48.

Finance (Pension).

Please see previous Finance note on page 2-3 above and the notes following. This Departent may agree with the view of the Education and Public Health Department at 'K'.above.

2. Before the file is returned to the Education and Public Health Department, necessary extracts from the file will be taken in this department to consider the suggestion of the Accountant-General to amend the application for Madras House Allowance suitably to avoid irregularities as in the present case in future.

Sd..
21-6-48.

Finance (Pension)Department.

The Education and Public Health Department may be requested to put up the original file for reference and return.

Sd.. 29-6-48.

Finance U.O.47304 A(Rev)
dated 29-6-48.

Education and Public Health.

The original file referred to at 'A' on page 1 ante has since become the G.O.No.2212 Public Health dated 29-6-48 and is put up at (1). May be sent to Finance u.o.with the request that it may be returned to this Department as soon as they have done with it.

Sd.... 6-7-48.

Finance (Pension).

Please see the extract of note on page 1 above. A draft order is submitted for approval. Legal may see before issue.

Has action been been taken on K at page 1 above to discontinue Madras House Allowance?

Sd.. 17/7/48.

D.S's query above:- It is submitted that orders have been issued in G.O.2212 Public Health dated 29-6-48.

Sd.. 19/7/1948.

Legal Department.

The alterations indicated in red ink on the draft may be made.

Sd.. 24-7-48.

Finance (Pensions).

The draft order as amended by Legal may now be issued. (A clean copy of the draft as amended is put up at (8)

Sd.. 30/7/48.

(G.O.746 Finance dated 30/7/1948.)

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R. Thiagarajan 5.1.54

OFFICE ASSISTANT.
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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